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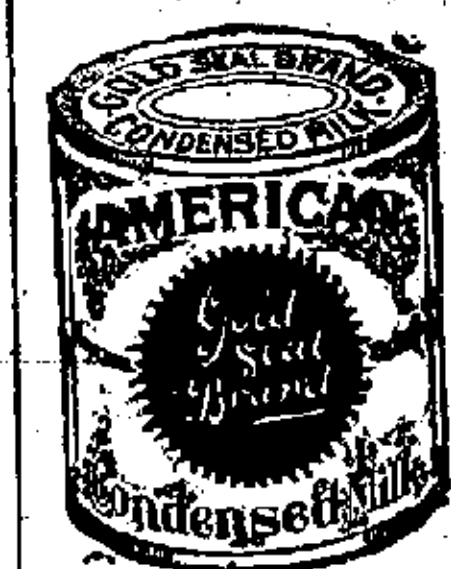
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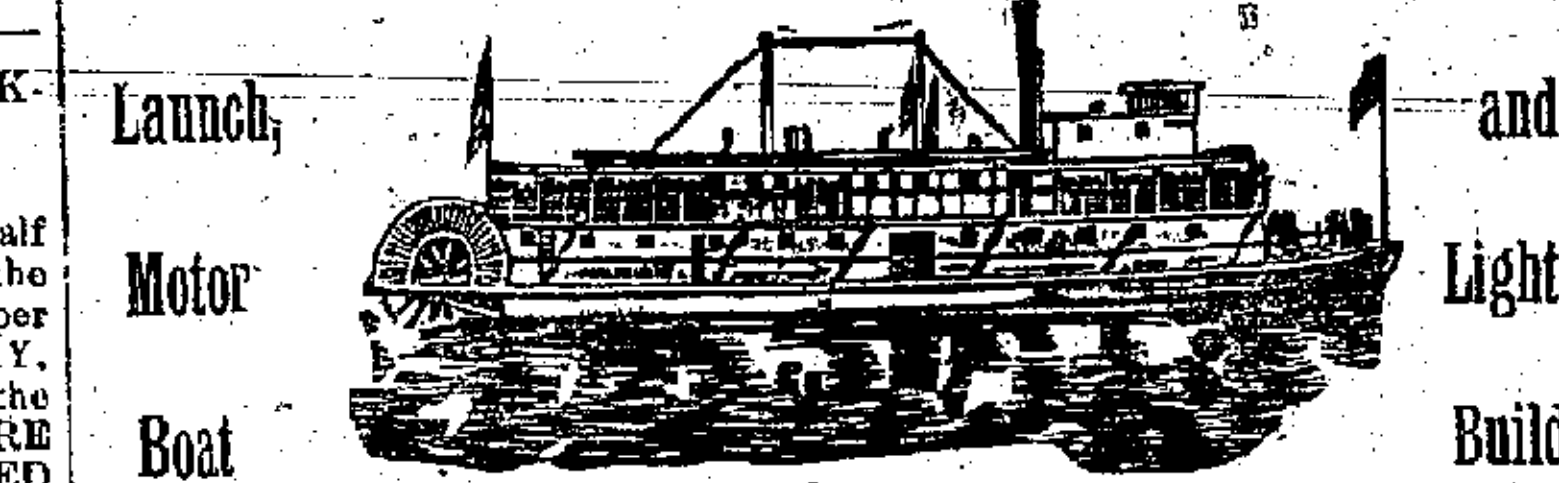
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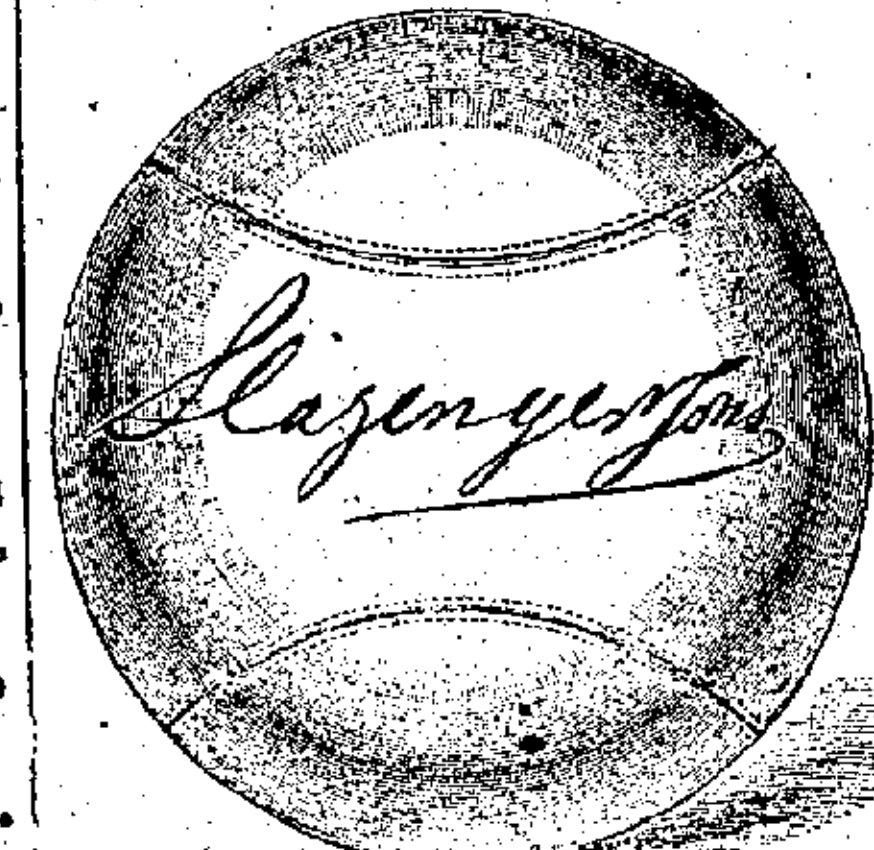
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1908.

**THE TRADE BAROMETER OF
THE FAR EAST.**

THE mercantile communities of the Far

East are accustomed to look to the ad-

dresses delivered from the Chair at the

half-yearly meetings of shareholders of the

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation as throwing some light

upon the prospects of trade for the com-

ing six months; and they are seldom

disappointed. It is therefore a subject

for rejoicing that the note pitched last

Saturday was even more cheerful than

usual. Indeed, a spirit of smiling optimism

permeated the meeting, indicating

that in the opinion of the men who

guide the policies of our greatest bank-

ing corporation the trade barometer of

the Far East may be said to read "Set

fair." True, as Mr. Moxon pointed

out, the past six months have been a

period of restricted trade, but the

outlook is now most promising. Money,

according to Mr. SULLIVAN, is abun-

dant at the chief business centres in

China, more especially Shanghai; the

monsoon seems to be favouring India

more generously this year than last;

business is reviving in North America,

both the United States and Canada

having a phenomenal harvest to gather

in from their toiling fields; while in

the Far East stocks have been consider-

ably reduced, though they remain suffi-

ciently large to keep prices down to a

level that should encourage consump-

tion. All these things point, in the

opinion of the Bank, to a commercial

revival before long. When it does come

it will fortunately find the merchants of

China and Japan in a better position to

take advantage of the opportunities borne

on the incoming tide than they have

been in other periods of trade-revival.

Experience has been a hard teacher, but

the lessons learnt during the past few

years of leaness, we feel sure, will not

be forgotten in the coming years of

plenty. One thing is very gratifying

in this connection and that is the steady

increase in the power, resources and

consolidated wealth of the Hongkong

and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

There are very few men still in the East

who saw the birth of this now mighty

institution. Sir THOMAS SUTHERLAND re-

cently told us the story of its modest

beginnings, and the tale need not be

repeated here. Suffice it to say that

none of those who started the Bank on

its career of usefulness could, even in

their wildest dreams, have imagined

what colossal figures it would put before

its shareholders in the present year of

grace. Like the proverbial grain of

mustard seed it has grown into a mighty

tree and so long as the men at the helm

remain of the same calibre as those now

directing its course we see no limit to

its development and potentialities.

**OPIMUM-SMOKING AND THE
SUPPRESSION EDICTS.**

Two or three facts stand out prominently

amid the present uncertainty

regarding the progress that the Chinese

Government is making in the suppression

of opium-smoking, both amongst

officials and the masses of the people.

Many stringent edicts are now being

published in the capital, and the severe

penalties are threatened, especially

for officials and those who continue

to smoke opium in secret. Reports from

different sources tend to show that the

efforts to suppress the quantity of the

drug consumed are not without some

measure of success. For instance, the

quantity of opium imported into China

this year is less than was the quantity

imported last year, which again was less

than that of the previous year. Some

travellers also state that, in the opium-

growing districts of China, the land under

opium cultivation is diminishing, or has

diminished greatly. These and other

statements would seem to indicate that

there is something really tangible being

done. On the other hand, the frequent

appearance of anti-opium edicts, and the

criticisms in the native papers seem to

demonstrate that the results are not so

substantial as the more sanguine could

wish, and that there is yet much to be

done ere the goal aimed at comes

within sight. Travelling through the

country lately, a correspondent of the

China Mail tried to find out what was

being done, and how far the several

edicts of the Emperor were affecting

the actions of the people in general. It

may be stated that the result was en-

couraging, and that there is no doubt

that the steps recently taken are not

altogether abortive. On the pas-

sage boat there was but one opium

lamp alight, and the man who lay beside

it, with his pipe and supply of the

drug, was well on in years, and also

well on the way to physical decay. But

this man was possessed of the regular

permit, which told his life's history and

the quantity of opium he was allowed

to smoke per diem. In one town visited,

inquiry elicited the fact that the dens

indeed were closed throughout the place,

but that the shops were allowed to

remain open, that the shopkeepers might

supply the needs of those who were

provided with permits by the Govern-

ment. These facts would seem to in-

dicate that some real advance has been

made, and this is encouraging for the

future. On the other hand, much

smoking still goes on in the houses of

the people, and there was a feeling

amongst those interrogated about the

condition of things, that this smoking at

home was rather on the increase than

otherwise which, of course, as the dens

are closed down, is what might be ex-

pected. One case came under our

informant's notice where a middle-aged

man has lately taken to the drug, which

shows that even now, as things are, it is

date those who offend against the

possible to begin to smoke, notwith-

standing the edicts, and the supposed

necessity of securing permits before

opium can be purchased at the open

shops. One other fact perhaps deserves

recording. An opinion is wide spread

amongst the more intelligent Chinese

in the country districts that in

THE WIGAN COLLIERY DISASTER.

LONDON, August 21.
All hope of rescuing the entombed miners of the Wigan Colliery has been finally abandoned, and it has been decided to flood the mine.

THE CONGO.

LONDON, August 21.
The Brussels Chamber has passed the third reading of the Congo Annexation bill, and it is believed that its passing through the Senate is assured.

THE AMERICAN FLEET AT SYDNEY.

LONDON, August 21.
Admiral Sperry in command of the American battleship fleet, in an interview at Sydney, said that the enthusiasm of his welcome was almost beyond belief, and that it was all the more pleasing to him that it indicates the heartfelt sympathy of two English speaking nations, united, not only by ties of blood, but by great commercial interests in the Pacific and elsewhere.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

LONDON, August 21.
Mr Lloyd George, who is in Berlin, has paid a visit to the German Minister of the Interior. He intends enquiring into the German system of old age pensions.

TURKEY.

LONDON, August 21.
The Porte has decided to engage a British adviser to reorganize the Turkish navy, and a French adviser of finance.

MACEDONIA.

LONDON, August 21.
The Times St. Petersburg correspondent reports that Baron von Schrenk, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has notified Mr. Isvolsky, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, of his intention to give Austrian Gendarmerie officers in Macedonia prolonged furlough, on the ground that their presence may evoke untoward incidents, the "Young Turks" greatly resenting foreign interference.

BRITISH POLITICS.

LONDON, August 22.
The Russian gendarmerie officers in the service of Macedonia at present absent, have been granted an extension of leave with a view to their ultimate recall.

It is semi-officially stated that the conference was arranged prior to the Kronberg meeting, and that it is not connected therewith. It is conjectured that it may be related to the recent incursions of Mr Lloyd George and Mr Churchill into Sir Edward Grey's domain.

AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, August 22.
American newspapers are interpreting the enthusiasm of the Australian welcome to the United States battleship fleet as meaning that Australia looks to America rather than to England and some warn her that America would not interfere in any quarrel with England or Japan involving the integrity of Australasia.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, August 22.
Reuter's Tangier correspondent wires that an official wireless message has been received reporting the rout of Abdul Aziz advance guard by Mulai Hafid near Marakesh, and it is further reported from a most trustworthy source that the whole of Abdul Aziz army has been decisively defeated, fleeing in confusion, and that Abdul Aziz himself has been captured.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

LONDON, August 22.
An American, De Forrest, has, with the consent of the French government, engaged the Eiffel Tower for the establishment of wireless communication between Paris and New York. He is confident of success.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

THE SUPPRESSION OF PIRACY.

TOKYO, August 18.
Two torpedo-boats, arrived at Chemulpo yesterday to co-operate with the torpedo gun-boat Chihaya in the suppression of piracy in North-western Korea.

THE FAKUMEN QUESTION.

LONDON, August 14.

Further comments on the Heimonian Railway impasse appearing in the provincial newspapers are headed—"Japan's Obdurate Opposition to Chinese Railway." "Triumph to Britain." "Vote on British Effort." "Pessimistic View of the Situation," and such like.

The Saturday Review thinks that the Fakumen incident proves that the Japanese are not easy to deal with in matters of business. Their arguments are a mere pretence and their offers illusory. Japan means to establish a monopoly with no more respect for British rights than for the claims of other nations.

In the long run perhaps it would be wiser for Japan not to estrange England or exasperate China beyond her considerable but not indefinite powers of endurance.

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On the 23rd inst., the shareholders of Messrs Wm. Powell, Ltd., will hold an extraordinary general meeting to pass the following resolution:—"That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$150,000 to \$100,000 by reducing the par value of the shares from \$10 to \$7 each."

THE TAI WONG KONG HAU TROUBLE.

Our correspondent writes:—There has been considerable excitement in Wuchow during the past few days owing to the presence in the port of several warships, sent up in haste from Canton and elsewhere in order to deal with the meeting among the soldiers at Tai Wong Kong Hau. The vessels, about 40 in number, were of all sorts and sizes and included three or four old fashioned torpedo boats. Most of them were crowded with troops. On arrival at Kowloon it was found that the excitement had already quieted down, the rebels having made off with what plunder they could gather together. Some forty of them have since been captured. Business is now proceeding as usual without interruption and no further trouble is anticipated.

SPORTING.

LAWN BOWLS.

The members of the Police Recreation Club played their return match on Saturday afternoon at Happy Valley, against the Civil Service Club when the latter again proved themselves the superior team notwithstanding the fine opening made by the Police. Four wickets were engaged and twenty-one heads were played.

The scores are as follows:—

CIVIL SERVICE.

P. C. Ogg 4, C. Parkinson 1, A. Hill 1, R. Fenton 1, Insp. McHardy 1, A. M. Thornhill 1, P. C. McLennan 1, W. Fincher 1, P. C. Glenning 1, P. R. Adams 1, I. S. Parr 1, A. G. Pyle 1, E. S. Watt 1, C. Bond 1, Insp. Robertson 1, W. R. Kelly 1, Insp. Langley 1, R. Hudson 1, Insp. Hanson 1, A. Carter 1, Insp. Ritchie 1, R. Duncan 1, Insp. (skip) 1, I. A. Wheel 1, D. S. Fox 1, W. H. Woolley 1, J. Quinn 1, E. W. Dawson 1, C. Bell 1, M. Molyer 1, Insp. Withers 1, L. E. Brett 1, (skip) 1, 65, 81.

Water Polo.

The League Table now reads as follows:—

V.R.C. 7 6 0 0 13, C.V.C. 7 6 0 0 13, Royal Engineers 7 4 2 1 9, 8th Co. R.G.A. 7 3 2 2 8, R.H.K.Y.C. 7 3 3 1 7, H.M.S. Tamar 7 2 5 0 4, 83rd Co. R.G.A. 7 1 6 0 3, 88th Co. R.G.A. 7 0 7 0 0.

The Rugby Union has arranged 29 fixtures for the tour in Great Britain of the Australian Rugby team. The programme commences with a match against Devon on September 29th, and includes matches against England, Ireland, Wales, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, the Counties, the Army and Navy, and the leading clubs, concluding with a match against France on January 1st.

MR. HALDANE, THE COURTEOUS AND BLAND.

Surely the strangest complaint ever made against a Minister, is that recently made by Captain Craig against Mr Haldane. It seems, says *Truth*, that owing to the imperturbable urbanity of the Secretary of State for War, alike to friend and foe, the House of Commons has lost all control over him and his Department. Even Captain Craig, though convinced at the bottom of his heart that Mr Haldane is ruining the Army and exposing the country to dangers unparalleled in its history, was obliged to confine his opinions to the editor of the *Times*. Apparently he tried to un-bosom himself in the House of Commons, but was reduced to silence by the magnetic urbanity of the War Secretary—it may be a courteous elevation of the eyebrow, a deprecating gesture, or a smile that is childlike and bland. What is to be done, inquires *Truth*, with a Minister plunging along the road to ruin, who eludes exposure, defeats criticism, silences the heckler, and reduces Parliamentary government to a nullity, by the mere force of passive resistance clothed in inviolable urbanity?

COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., was held at their offices in Queen's Buildings at noon to-day.

Mr H. P. White presided and there were present:—Hon. Mr W. J. Gresson, Mr P. Broderson, Mr G. Friesland, Mr V. Halm, Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., Mr D. W. Cundock, Mr Edgar G. Barrett, Mr J. S. Van Rens, Directors; Mr R. Mitchell, Acq. Chief Manager, Mr T. I. Rose, Secretary, J. W. Bonnar, T. Skinner, Capt. W. E. Clarke, Chai Siu Ki, W. C. Jack, Lo Cheung Shiu, P. Nalla, E. Goog, L. Bertrand, H. Humphreys, and G. Durney.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen: The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will, with your permission, take them as read. As a result of the working for the half year ending on 30th June last we have available for appropriation a sum of \$705,270.19, out of which your Directors recommend that a dividend of 8%—\$4. per share be paid, absorbing \$200,000, that a further sum of \$50,000 be placed to the credit of No. 1 Dock Extension Account, that \$65,820 be written off the value of Kowloon Dock, \$4,002.95 off the value of Cosmopolis Dock, and that the balance of \$364,847.24 be carried forward to a new account. It is hoped that this proposed distribution of profits will meet with your approval. The past half year's work, showing a net profit of \$274,577.68, will, I venture to think, be regarded as unsatisfactory in face of the extraordinary depression that existed, and I regret to say still exists in shipping the world over. This depression is brought forcibly to our notice by the number of vessels that have been laid up in this harbor during the past year for want of lucrative employment, and you will readily understand, re-bets seriously on the business of a company such as ours. Further, in view of the fact that a certain proportion of the work executed during the period has been "New Work," the profits on which, as pointed out on a previous occasion, are necessarily small owing to keen competition, we may perhaps congratulate ourselves on the result now shown. The aggregate tonnage of vessels docked during the period under review is less than for some years past, there being a falling off in the heading of Merchant Shipping, and an increase under that of British and Foreign Men of War. Turning to the accounts, you will notice that the amount under the heading of Sundry Creditors shows a decrease of about \$247,000 and the item Sundry Debtors is lower by \$214,000, while the value of material on hand shows a reduction of \$227,000. This is partly due to a revision in the system of ordering material, allowing the different establishments to draw on one another more freely and using up old stock. The Sub-Committee of Directors have concluded their investigations and have submitted their report to the full Board and it is reasonable to hope that beneficial results will accrue from their recommendations. You are doubtless aware that the recent disastrous typhoon has put a considerable amount of work into our hands—very extensive repairs—both coming as it has done at one time, the resources of our establishments and services of the staff are taxed to the utmost, particularly as a security of labour is apparent. The tug and salvage boat "David Gillies" rendered yeoman services to shipping after the blow and the Company is to be congratulated in the acquisition of what will, I trust, prove a valuable asset. I am glad to be able to state that the Company's property suffered but little damage. Gentlemen: I do not know that I can add anything to what I have said, except to say that the prospects for the current half year, with the work we have already in hand, are favourable, and before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions that Shareholders may wish to ask.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr Bonnar, in seconding, said:—Mr Chairman and Gentlemen. I have much pleasure in seconding the proposal that the Report and Accounts as presented, be adopted. During the period which these accounts cover business in every direction has been in a very dull and depressed condition, shipping being no exception. Advice from home are that a great many steamers are laid up for want of remunerative employment, and we know that in the East the same unsatisfactory state of affairs exists. Under these circumstances I think we ought to feel very thankful that our accounts show an increase in net profits of roughly \$110,000 over the previous six months. I notice that \$50,000 is being put to special account, No. 1 Dock Extension, and feel sure that this work when completed will bring to more glist to the mill. It is gratifying to learn that during the recent typhoon the Company suffered very little damage. I don't know whether we shall ever see the same prosperous years that the Company experienced in the past, some say we won't, but I for one am not without hope, and with a Board of Directors who have the Company's interest at heart, an energetic and willing staff, and up-to-date appliances, we can look forward with confidence to being able to take advantage of improvement in trade generally when it comes, and meet competition without fear.

The Chairman:—That is all the business gentlemen thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

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ALEXANDRA CINEMATOGRAPH.

Farewell Performances.

At the Alexandra Cinema-theatre on Saturday evening a very large and enthusiastic audience gathered to witness the farewell performances of Miss Violet Russell and Little Thelma, two talented song and dance artists, who have just concluded a two months' successful engagement with the management of the above theatre. That these two ladies have gained popularity among Hongkong audiences during their sojourn here, is a fact quite undisputed and the esteem in which they are held was testified to on Saturday evening when they were presented with many large and beautiful bouquets of flowers. At each appearance, in the first and second part of the programme, both artists were recalled time after time. During the latter half—this being her last song—Miss Violet was the recipient of a lovely floral tribute, shaped in the form of a heart, which measured six feet by four. It was made up of flowers of almost every colour, while designed in flowers were the words "Violet and Thelma, 'Au Revoir.'" As this huge mass of flowers was lifted on to the stage, it was the cue for a great ovation. The hall resounded with "Good Bye Violet" and other farewells.

The programme provided last Saturday night was undoubtedly one of the best yet afforded its supporters since the opening of its doors. The cinematograph pictures especially deserve mention and would the management but stick to the same class of pictures they would have even greater support in the future.

Among the pictures shown on the screen was one entitled "Exercise on a British man-of-war," which was followed with great interest, the audience applauding vociferously on its conclusion. "His only friend," was another exceedingly good picture, and was more of the sentimental kind. The others, "A cruel joke," "Automobile thieves," "The sneaking powder," and "The witch's cave," went toward making up an excellent programme which was apparently enjoyed by everyone present. Signor Torres, whose voice seems to have somewhat recovered, gave an excellent rendering of "El Molinero de Suiza," and was accorded hearty applause. Mlle. Giraldesse was to be also at her best in her Spanish dances which are ever a pleasing item on the programme.

HAPPENINGS IN THE HARBOUR.

The s.s. Brasilia berthed at No. 2 Wharf, Kowloon, to-day.

Coolies are now hard at work on the new iron structure that is to be erected on Blake Pier to replace the old masted recently destroyed by the typhoon. Five large and heavy iron columns have already been placed in position.

CANTON VICEROY AT VARIANCE WITH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

Some time ago the Government at Peking ordered Viceroy Cheng to increase the provincial army of Kwangtung Province by two brigades to be trained after the foreign model, and five years were allowed in which to enlist these men, and drill them to a degree of perfection, that would ensure efficiency. It appears that the Viceroy demurred at the extra expense thrown on him and sent in his objection to Headquarters. Moreover, he followed this up with several despatches pointing out that the recent floods, and then the typhoon have seriously crippled the finances of the Province, and that these disasters will make it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, for him to comply with the Imperial demands. The War Office at Peking, however, are not inclined to have their demands set aside in this way, and the Viceroy has been advised to this effect. The Imperial despatch points out that Kwangtung is a very rich Province, and its resources cannot be crippled either by a flood, or by a typhoon, and therefore, such excuses cannot be regarded as valid. The Viceroy must, therefore, set about the task at once, and bring it to completion in the time specified. Moreover, the War Office has notified the Viceroy that it is its intention to send down an expert on war matters, one Cheung Wai-chi, whose duty it will be to look into affairs and report to the Throne. This military Commissioner, will not only examine into the efficiency of the troops already enlisted, as ordered, but will also see into the condition of finances in the Province, in order to ascertain whether or not the excuse of the Viceroy is based on solid foundations. This information appears to have seriously disturbed the Viceroy, and he has sent out orders to his subordinates to set about getting the work done. Apparently, up to the present, little has been effected, and at present not one-half of the men have been enlisted. The military subordinates, therefore, have been ordered to enlist the men, so that when the Commissioner arrives from Peking he will find the work in hand and carried forward. The Viceroy seems to fear unpleasantness arising should the Commissioner find things in a backward condition.

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SCENE AT A FUNERAL.

At the Magistrate's this afternoon, before Mr Wood, S. A. Merion, cycle dealer, was summoned by a ricksha coolie for recklessly driving his motor car and damaging the rickshaw to the extent of \$2.50. Mr Swart, of Messrs Schindler and Co., also charged him with driving to the common danger.

The evidence was to the effect that as a funeral party was leaving the cemetery on the 18th inst. defendant's motor car struck a rickshaw, pinning it against the wall. Mr Swart was indignant and used words to the defendant.

His Worship convicted defendant of driving in a negligent manner and imposed a fine of \$5, at the same time ordering him to pay \$2.50 compensation to the rickshaw coolie.

There were two countercharges against Mr Swart of assaulting the driver and using threatening language.

His Worship thought there was reasonable justification and entered a conviction against Mr Swart but refused to impose a penalty.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

Successful Students.

The list of successful students in connection with the recent examination of the Hongkong Technical Institute is as follows: Where "D" appears after a student's name it means that the student has passed with distinction.

Building Construction.—Ms. Fung-shu, Teo Ching-fong and Thomson Wright.

Machine Drawing.—Senior Section: Wong David, D.; Leung Tinsan, D.; Teo Ying, D.; Chan Leung-hui, D.; Lo Kam-chak, D.; Junior Section: Cheung Lu, D.; Chiu Wai, D.; Yeung Yuk-shu; Ng Tin-chi; and Lo Chu-yau.

Steam.—Lo Kam-chak, D.; Leung Tinsan, D.; Ng-chi, D.; Chiu Wai, D.; R. E. Shaw; and Wong David, C.

Theoretical Mechanics.—Senior Section: Teo Shiu-fan, D.; Junior Section: Wm. Waterhouse.

Mathematics.—Senior Section: Teo Shiu-fan, D.; Junior Section: Wm. Waterhouse.

English.—Senior Section: Leong Henry G.; D.; Perry, Sias, D.; Juman, Y. M.; Nazarin, R.; Lam Wing-chung; Bishen Singh; and Gurezy, M. Junior Section: Ahwee, M. B., D.; Fok Kai-him, Tam Yik-hing, Li Chi-fai, Kwok Wai-lan, Pun Hin-leung, Sham, C. W., Tsang Kwong, Salazar, W., Cheung Lai-in, Ip Fik-shang, Tam Kwok-tsoi, Tsang Ching-han, In J. ing-man, Mendoza, R., Rodriguez, C., Un Wong, and Ip Kwai-shang.

French.—Senior Section: Leung, M. R., D.; and Gutierrez, J. B. Junior Section: Ebra, D., D.; Pelley, C.; Jeannilo, A., Benning, C.; Ho Wing, M. K. Muri, Bass, R., Jeannilo, F. A., and Long, M.

German.—Senior Section: Fu, Ching-ling, D.; Gomez, M. A., and Ribiero, O. F. Junior Section: Yau Han-king, D.

Short-hand.—Senior Section: Wilks, Reginald D., D.; Young, D., D.; Lopez, J. Chunyung, I. Dando, W., Diercks, A. C., and Abbas, Y. Junior Section: Pang Kam-wing, D.; Maracado, A., Li Chi-hoi, Agabeg, F. J., Killing, H. W., and Salvador, V.

Book-keeping.—Junior Section: Talati, H. D., D.

Theoretical Chemistry.—Chan Wing-to, and Tam Wing-kwong.

Practical Chemistry.—Tam Wing-kwong, D.; Chan Wing-to, D.; Ko Wo-tack, D.; Char Un-yung, D.; Ma Fung-shu; Ribiero, Oscar; Poon-Why, Joseph; Au Shiu-cheong.

Physics.—Senior Section: Ozorio, J. O. Junior Section: The Ching-fong, and Leung Wing-wai.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA AND THE ATLANTIC.

A rumour circulated to the effect that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha intends to extend its operations to the Atlantic has, says the *Asahi*, been much strengthened as the result of the proposed increase of rates on the American railways and the abandonment of the Oriental shipping trade by the railway companies. The authorities of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha state that a proposal to open an Atlantic service has been mooted on more than one occasion by the directors of the company, but it is not yet considered practicable. This true, that more passengers and cargo are obtainable on the European line than on the Pacific line, while the number of steamers running between the Far East and Europe is comparatively few. But competition is very acute on the Atlantic service, and in establishing such a service the company would be placed at a disadvantage in competition with the powerful capitalists of Europe and America. Consequently in its present position the Nippon Yusen Kaisha cannot afford to devote funds to provide the accommodation required for an Atlantic service. At best the scheme is no more than an aspiration, but when the time matures such a service may be inaugurated.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

THE THEFT OF CROWN JEWELS AT DUBLIN.

Alleged Recovery in a London Pawnshop.

An American paper says that although Scotland Yard disclaims any knowledge of the transaction, and though Chief Secretary Birtel has diplomatically denied it to Parliament, it can be stated as a fact that the stolen regalia jewels are back in Dublin Castle. The jewels, the theft of which from Dublin Castle was discovered in July last, have been released from a pawnshop in London, for over £18,000 (their value having been set down at £20,000), and have been taken to Ireland by the senior member of a firm of pawn-brokers.

It is understood the money for the release of the stolen regalia was put up by a newly-created nobleman.—Mr. Pierce O'Mahony, half-brother of Sir Arthur Vines, who was dismissed from office for negligence on account of the theft, has applied to a magistrate for the arrangement of the Chief Secretary of Ireland on a charge of compounding a felony, in order to have the matter reopened and Sir Arthur's name cleared, but the magistrate has refused to grant the hearing.

It is declared that the London police inspector who investigated the robbery, found that a person who had access to Sir Arthur's keys had taken a wax impression of the key of the safe in the Castle in which the jewels were kept; and, about the time of the robbery, this man was in need of a substantial sum of money. The inspector's theory was that the jewels were pawned by the man in question. The inspector was then ordered to stop further investigations.

A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA.

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AMONG THE NEW BOOKS.

The Studio: An Illustrated Magazine of Fine and Applied Art.

The July number of The Studio is an excellent publication. Opening with a finely illustrated article upon the recent etchings of Mr D. T. Cameron, it passes on to a description of the Bavarian National Museum at Munich, also freely illustrated by really beautiful half tones. The plaquettes and medals of Henry Noce, as described in the next article, give an illuminating glimpse into a phase of art-work where perfection is very difficult to attain.

We have previously dealt with the article on the New Indian School of Painting, by Mr E. B. Havell, and need only draw attention here to the beautiful manner in which the various illustrations have been reproduced. Some Recent Designs in Domestic Architecture is an interesting account of new country houses erected in England and Germany. Two special articles are next devoted to recent developments of French Art, from which we gather that the "fashion school" is for the moment suffering from an eclipse. The exhibition of the New English Art Club is freely illustrated, and sympathetically criticised by Mr T. Martin Wood. A pleasing novelty is a plate, printed from wood blocks, reproducing an old Japanese print by Kiyomasa. The colour scheme here is very chaste and the reproduction is a perfect work of art. Some Studio Notes close the number. The Studio, on its present lines, should attract an ever increasing circle of readers.

Miss Marie Corelli, who must be credited with a happy knack of naming her books in an arresting fashion, has chosen "Holy Orders, the Tragedy of a Quaint Life," as the title of her new novel.

The story of Dartmoor prison has been told by Mr Basil Thomson, whose book describes realistically the wretched conditions under which our French prisoners of war lived there early in the last century. The place was built in 1807-8 for their housing, and about 6,000 or 6,000 men were confined in less space than is now occupied by 1,200, in stone buildings with reeking concrete floors, exposed to a Dartmoor winter, with no proper means of heating, inadequately clothed, and so inadequately fed that not even dead rats in the soup could prevent them from starving to death. The mortality, of course, was great. Men died of starvation, of cold, of pestilence, of broken hearts, and were buried in masses a foot below the surface. There were escapes, insurrections, quarrels, and duels; and yet the general impression given is of a busy, good-humoured, well-regulated life. To sink to the condition of a "Roman" was, however, the fate of not a few French prisoners at Dartmoor, and this was the consequence of the gambling that went on within the walls. "When a man had gambled away his clothes and his bedding (the *Times*) he had literally nothing left, unless he was one of the 'Lords,' who had money of their own. Having nothing, he soon sank in the social scale, until he became one of the unrepentant 'Romans,' who lived in the cocklofts of 'capitales,' and seem to have reached the point of degradation possible to human nature. These were not men; they were not even beasts. Naked, filthy, indecently vicious, they prowled about the yards, making the outcasts for food, opening allegiance to none but their 'captains.' And once a Roman, it seemed, always a Roman. While there was garbage or rats to eat, the daily ration could be sold for tobacco to gamble with. There was no rising again to the decency of clothes and bedding, so long as that peculiarly detestable form of commercial enterprise known as ration-buying was permitted. Yet Mr Thomson tells us that the Romans are known to have been the healthiest of all the bodies of prisoners, and that their special building (which is now, quantum mutans, the chapel) was peculiarly free from epidemics. And, almost impossible as it seems, when released, some of these wretched creatures returned to their own country, some of them became men again. One was afterwards a priest, and one held office under Louis Philippe."

Kitzy Tailleux, by May Sinclair.

Mr. Balfour's Discipline, by L. F. Fennell.

The Passion of Paul Marcellin, by Adeline Sergeant.

The Crooked Way, by Wm. L. Quenn.

An Empty Heart, by Violet Tweedale.

Vane Royal, by Hon. Mrs Walter L. D. Forbes.

The Lord of the Land, by Fred. M. White.

The Mystery of a Motor Cab, by Fergus Hume.

The Shadow of a Vendetta, by A. G. Gentes.

The Church and Thistle Grey, by John Le Boston.

The Phil, by Sir Wm. M. Gray.

Servitude, by Irene Ogden.

The Winged Lion, by L. Winstanley.

During Her Majesty's Pleasure, by M. E. Braden.

Tangled Web, by Edgar Jepson.

The Orchard Close, by Alice and Claude Askew.

The Wild Widow, by Gertrude S. Went-James.

The God of Clay, by H. E. Bailey.

The Cottage on the Fells, by H. De Vere Stapledon.

Three Girls and a Hermit by Dorothea Congdon.

The Door of Darkness, by Maudie Ansell.

The Millionaire's Son, by Florence Warden.

The Aim of Her Life, by L. T. Meade.

The Angel and the Author and Others, by Jerome K. Jerome.

Staten Sanderson, by Hallie Erskine Rives.

The Honour of X, by Graham Hope.

The Man Made Law, by Constance Stanton and Heath Hosken.

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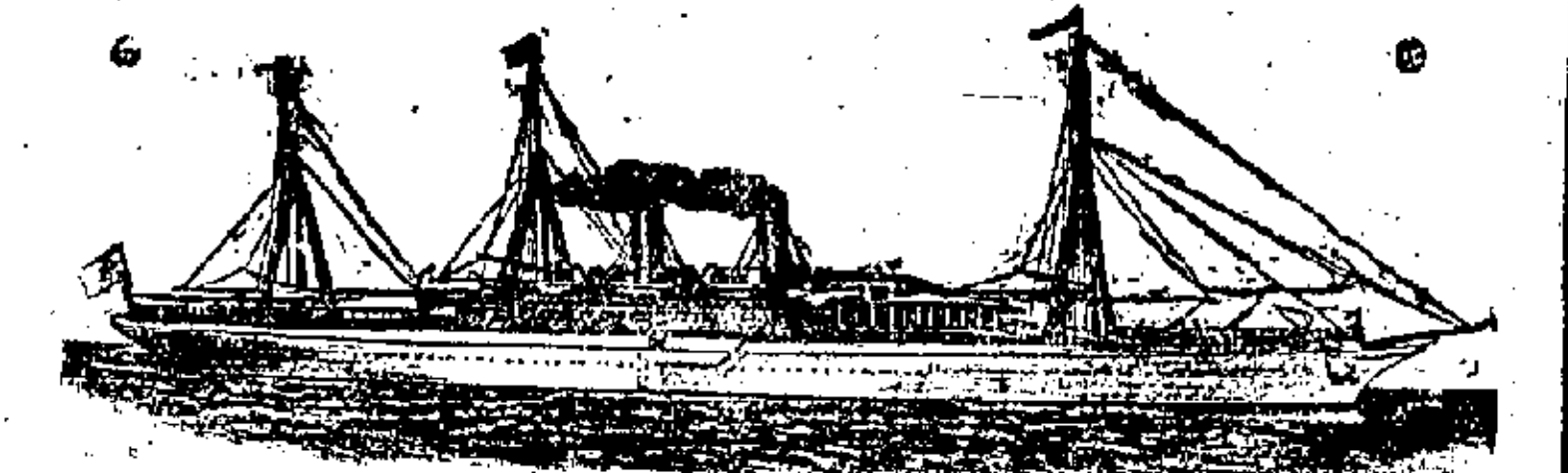
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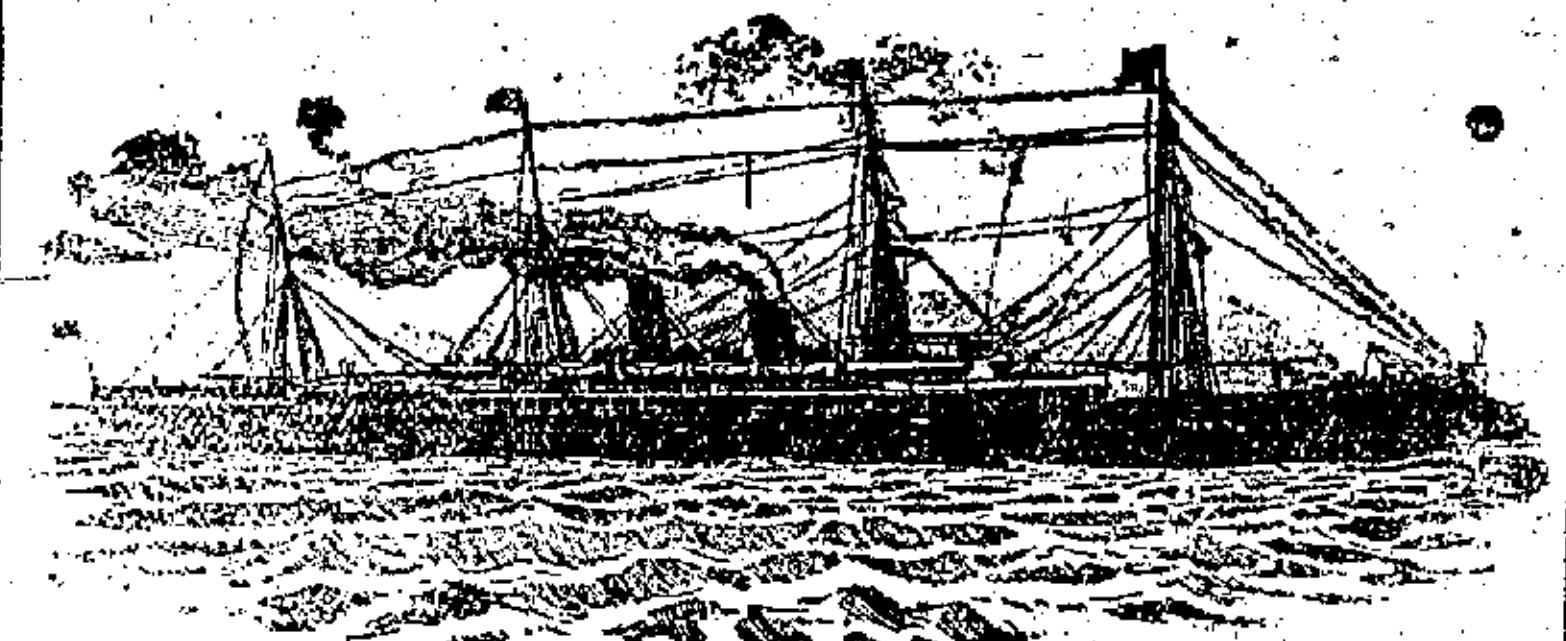
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DALIN MARU, Capt. I. SAKURAI	TAMUL, Via SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIKAO	SUNDAY, 30th Aug., at 2 p.m.
SHOSHU MARU, Capt. LIORH	ANPING, Via SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIKAO	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Sept., at 10 a.m.

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KUDAT AND SANDAKAN	BORNEO, Capt. F. Sembill	Beginning of September.

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MANILA, CALOOCAN	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Aug. 28, at 4 p.m.
TIENTSIN, Via SWATOW, CHEONGSHING	CHEONGSHING	SATURDAY, Aug. 29, at 4 p.m.
WEIHAWEI & CHEFOO	WINGSANG	MONDAY, Aug. 31, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOI	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, Sept. 4, at 4 p.m.
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